

NOTICE OF 30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Stier, Kent & Canady, Inc. Site 948 St. Andrews Boulevard (SC Highway 61) Charleston, South Carolina

DHEC (the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control) is accepting public comments on a proposed Voluntary Cleanup Contract through October 13, 2015.

The Voluntary Cleanup Contract, 15-6355-NRP, will affect approximately 2.06 acres located at 948 St. Andrews Boulevard (SC Highway 61) and Battery Avenue, Charleston, South Carolina. The property is further identified by Charleston County Tax Map Serial Number 418-11-00-215 and 418-11-00-208. A company known as 3545 Mary Ader, Inc. (Ader, Inc.) wants to acquire the property from the current owners. This Voluntary Cleanup Contract will be between DHEC and Ader, Inc.

The property is bounded to the north by the West Ashley Greenway and is otherwise surrounded by commercial and residential properties. Canady Construction Company, n/k/a Stier, Kent & Canady, Inc., first developed the Property in 1951. Able Iron Works has occupied the Property since 1989 and its activities include welding, cutting, and grinding. Charleston Outdoor Catering occupies a portion of the Property. Underground storage tanks (USTs) were reportedly removed from the Property in 1990; a release was reported in that year. Currently USTs are located on the Property. The past uses of the property may have caused environmental pollution.

If this Voluntary Cleanup Contract is implemented, DHEC will allow Ader, Inc. to acquire the property as a "Brownfields Site" because of the potential for environmental pollution from past activity on the property. DHEC uses Voluntary Cleanup Contracts to encourage productive reuse of Brownfield sites. Ader, Inc. intends to use the property for general commercial development.

DHEC will not hold Ader, Inc. responsible for pre-existing pollution in exchange for doing work under the Voluntary Cleanup Contract. Under the proposed contract, Ader, Inc. will test soil and groundwater on the property. If significant contamination is found, Ader, Inc. will be required to take steps to protect human health and the environment. Ader, Inc. did not create the pollution, but will control it to keep the property safe for re-use. Under State law, Ader, Inc. will not be responsible if anyone has been affected by the contamination. The responsibility of former owners or operators of the property is not reduced by this contract.

The proposed contract is available at http://www.scdhec.gov/PublicNotices/. Printed copies may be obtained from the DHEC Freedom of Information Office at (803) 898-3882.

The public may provide written, email, or telephone comments on the proposed contract through October 13, 2015. Questions or comments may be directed to Jo Cherie Overcash, Project Manager, by e-mail at overcaje@dhec.sc.gov or telephone at (803) 898-0924, or Alex Fulmer at TOLL-FREE telephone (866) 576-3432. Written comments should be directed to Ms. Overcash at SCDHEC, 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, SC 29201.